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ALUMNI NEWS

U.S.- Angola Exchange Alumni Community Newsletter



"I am a USG Alumni !"



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A picture is worth a thousand words and this photo translates the feeling of all those who one day become a USG Alumni. Participating in an Exchange Program is like adding a chapter to your story. In this issue, we will walk through alumni history together looking at the past and celebrating your promising future. Throughout this year, the Fulbright Program celebrates it's 75th anniversary and the Angola Fulbright Alumni Association (AEFA) joined in on the global celebration with two events that focused on the power of community to change lives.

The Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI) closed out its 10 year anniversary celebration in May at the YALI 10 Summit with highlighted features of our Angola YALI Alumni. This summer also included six weeks of Leadership Institutes for our 2020 Mandela Washington Fellows who joined their peers online for an engaging program.

We are so proud to see our USG program alumni stand out on the global stage and look forward to continuing to highlight the your active service of your communities, each in your own special way.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

U.S. EMBASSY LUANDA CONGRATULATES THE 2020 YALI MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWS



Ambassador Fite congratulates YALI MWF alum Oscar Jaime Ant6nio

On August 21, 2021, U.S. Embassy Luanda held a closing ceremony to congratulate 7 young Angolan leaders who successfully participated in the Mandela Washington Fellowship. Ambassador Nina Fite presented to the fellows their certificates signed by U.S. President Joe Biden and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken. Special Guests in attendance included the U.S. Congressional Delegation on the occasion of their visit to Angola as well as YALI Alumni (MWF and RLC) who welcomed the newcomers to the Alumni family. Funded by the U.S. Department of State, the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders is the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI).

YALI MWF 2021 ALUMNI WITH THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FULBRIGHT PROGRAM CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2021

1st Event: AEFA celebrates the Fulbright history in Angola



2nd Event: AEFA in action with community service



FULBRIGHT IN ANGOLA: 23 YEARS OF OPPORTUNITIES AND CONNECTIONS

Fulbright Day in Angola, September 10, was celebrated with the community of Corimba, located in Luanda. The Angola Fulbright Alumni Association in partnership with Music School *Tok'Aki* gathered more than 25 young Angolans between 15 and 25 years old at the “*Casa da Oração*” in Corimba, to give them tools to access better education opportunities. *“The Fulbright future will happen with the communities! We have a commitment to the country and to the world to bring knowledge in this digital era closer to the communities, to break the cycle of poverty and social inequality.”* Said Fatima Câmara, President of the AEFA. The last event celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Fulbright Program is scheduled for November and will close in Angola a year of achievements for the Fulbright Association, which was re-launched on May 17, 2021. On August 1, 1946, President Harry S. Truman signed the act that launched the Fulbright Program to enhance mutual understanding and help people and nations work together toward common goals. Congratulations to the Fulbright community in Angola and around the world!

Exchange Opportunities

Study of the US Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders

Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) Program for Student Leaders welcomes applications for the 2021 season. SUSI programs are designed to provide undergraduate student with leadership skills, academic programs to deepen their understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions through intensive academic programs at U.S. Universities and study tours throughout the country.

- Between 18 and 25 years;
- Proficiency in English
- Be interested in the topic of Civic Engagement

Deadline to Apply: Thursday, October 15, 2021.

[Learn More Here](#)



Opens Winter 2022 Global Online Courses

English Language Educators opportunity

Hello English Language Educators! Are you interested in expanding your knowledge and skills as a teacher? Interested in taking an online course developed by a U.S. university? Apply to be part of the Online Professional English Network (OPEN) Program through <https://www.facebook.com/USinLuanda/>!

Applications are open from September 27 to October 8, 2021 for 8-week courses that begin in January 2022. Learn more at https://www.openenglishprograms.org/GOC_Information

OPEN Winter 2022 Global Online Courses

Courses begin January 11, 2022

Application Period: September 27 - October 8, 2021



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*Find out what's happening in our
International Exchange Alumni Community*

"What this means for me is bringing the message, that these government exchange programs aren't for elite. They're not for the top, or just a certain group of people. Anyone can apply to these programs!"

Vanessa Diaz



On August 4, the last episode of the first season of Exchanges Voices was broadcasted.

Pandora White, Vanessa Diaz, and Ashleigh Brown-Grier talked about international exchange, their Citizen Diplomacy Action Funded project that they represent and how they are bringing diversity, equity, and inclusion to exchange programs. The first episode of the season two lands, September 30th at 8:00 am ET.

A ["letter to My Younger Self" can be heard here.](#)



MentorTalks

Forever is Now

Dr. Zahi Hawass

Archaeologist

Friday, Sept. 17

10AM ET



MentorTalks was back in September 17 on Facebook Live and LinkedIn Live with renowned archaeologist, Dr. Zahi Hawass who has been excavating, preserving, and protecting Egyptian heritage and human history for the past 30 years. Earlier this year, Dr. Hawass and his team discovered an entire lost city in Luxor! If you missed it you can still watch it here. MentorTalks is a monthly, interactive video series that puts you in touch with extraordinary exchange alumni leaders and mentors on a variety of topics. The series runs on Facebook and occasionally on Instagram.

[MentorTalks with Dr. Hawass](#)



"Anyone can like their job... To love your job is not enough, you must give your passion to your job."

Dr. Zahi Hawass

REAL WORK EXPERIENCE



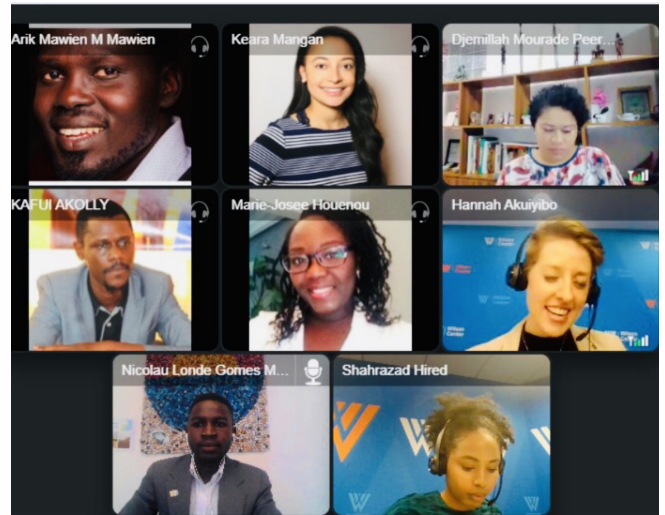
Yali Professionals Courses and videos are free and designed to help you learn about a specific topic. Starting October 4 the new courses will focus on the importance of adapting to, and flourishing in, the new work environment catalyzed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants will have two skill-development tracks to choose from workforce development and personal development.

Share with us your story of success in adapting to the hybrid working model and new environment, facing COVID and join the Yali Network! Being a membership provides you with opportunities for self improvement.

YALINETWORK



Yali Summit: 10 years empowering young African leaders



On May 24-28, 2021, the U.S. Department of State, in partnership with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Africa Program, hosted the YALI 10 Summit. Through five days of virtual sessions, networking opportunities, entertainment, and an Expo to present Yali alumni projects.

Jeorgina Chiquequela (MWF 2018) and Nicolau Miguel (MWF 2019) former fellows of the YALI Mandela Washington Fellowship Program were selected to participate. Nicolau participated in an Ignite Talk under the theme: YALI Leaders for the silencing the guns in Africa and Jeorgina Chiquequela presented at the YALI Expo Session, the Okulongisa Association.

The Summit highlighted and celebrated the achievements of YALI alumni and Network members as well as demonstrate YALI'S impact to rise strong leaders across Africa.

Yali Ten Summit Videos

Alumni Highlights

FELLOWS TALKED ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE ON THE YALI MWF PROGRAM

On August 22, alumni Madalena Panzo (YALI MWF 2021) and Maria Nehale (YALI MWF 2018) were interviewed by Radio Cunene to talk about their participation in the Mandela Washington Fellowship Program. Although Maria participated in the program in person and Madalena virtually, both consider that the most important thing was the knowledge acquired and the experience that they will take for life. They were able to share their challenges and successes with the listeners. Regarding the virtual format, given the restrictions of the Pandemic, Madalena revealed to Radio Cunene that there was always assistance from the Organization of the Program and that self-motivation and resilience is a characteristic of great leaders.



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"For those who want to participate in the Program I encourage all to apply regardless of the format because the benefits of Program do not change."

Madalena Panzo

MADALENA PANZO AND MARIA NEHALE



CUNENE: WORKSHOP PREPARES FUTURE CANDIDATES FOR MWF PROGRAM

Madalena Panzo and Maria Nehale also organized on August 28 a Workshop at tIMAG - Ondjiva Middle Institute of Management and Administration on the importance of the YALI Mandela Washington Fellowship Program for young African leaders, the differences between in person and virtual formats. The workshop also served to identify and motivate future Fellows.

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"We hope that most of them will apply and have more leaders."

Maria Nehale

Alumni Highlights

YOUTH FORUM HIGHLIGHTS INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

To celebrate Youth Day (August 12) the YALI Regional Leader Center Comité in partnership with MindSet and Association of Students from Private Universities of Angola held on 12 and 13 August the First Youth Leadership and Development Forum under the theme "Investing in education and technology."

Yali Angola Africa Austral



LUYANA CANZA, YALI RLC ALUMNA

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"We cannot simply get the government's attention without first working on our empowerment as young people"

Helder Afonso

Expert on governance and regional integration at Youth Leadership and Development Forum

ALUMNI IN ACTION: COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



On September 16 the Association for the Good of Angola - Pro Bono Angola, led by Milton Bartolomeu, YALI MWF alumn took to the streets in the community of Belas and Kilamba to sensitize citizens to flock to the vaccination posts against COVID-19.

Under the slogan "The vaccine is safe, reliable, free and life-saving", the members of Pro Bono Angola, meet the health authorities of Belas, and went through several avenues and streets of that area addressing people on ways to prevent and fight against COVID-19.

[Learn more about Pro-Bono](#)

Alumni Highlights

U.S. EMBASSY LUANDA SUPPORTS ALUMNI WORKSHOP IN NAMIBE

The Workshop: "Entrepreneurship; for what, why and for whom" organized by Alumna Justina Paulo (YALI MWF 2019) in Namibe province ended on September 10. More than 15 women participated and learnt how to bring creativity and skills to transform an idea into a business that will make a difference to the Namibe community. Human Centered Design, Business Canvas and Systems thinking were the three main topics of this two-week workshop where participants learned about efficient ways to pitch their business to others. The workshop was supported by the American Embassy which provided the material that was used for each session.

[Watch the videos here](#)



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1999

SHORT-FILM BY HUGO SALVATERRA COMPETES AT THE UNITE! FESTIVAL

The short-film, 1999 by the Fulbright alums Hugo Salvaterra, is competing at the UNITE! Angola Move Festival. It is a wonderful film which deals with the theme of love in a free way, marking a new moment in Angolan cinema. 1999 competes in the categories of Best Feature Film, Best Documentary and Best Short Film. Voting is open until September 30 through Public Vote (50%) and Jury Vote (50%).

[Watch the 1999 Trailer](#)

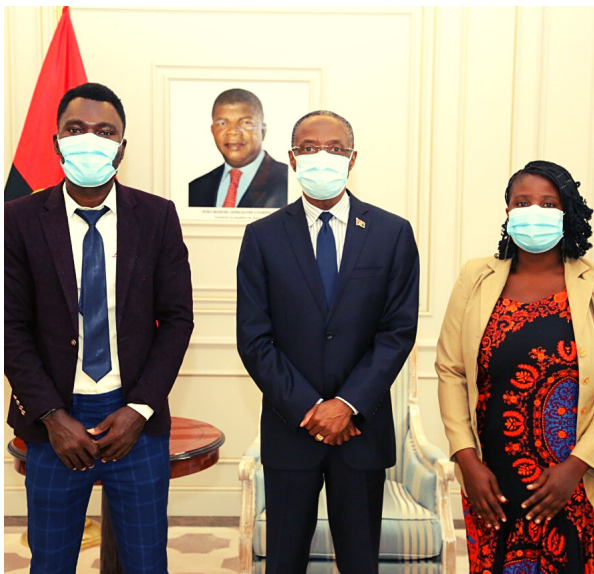
Alumni Achievements

CELEBRATING THE STEPS FORWARD

Nicolau Miguel, YALI MWF alums continues to add achievements to his path as a leader by participating in the One Young World Summit in Munich, Germany, from 22 to 25 July. Nicolau was selected as one of the 50 young leaders for the Ambassadors for Peace program by the European Commission. From 28 to 30 September he returns to the international arena but this time in Italy, Milan to Youth4Climate Event. Nicolau Miguel was one of the two Angolans that have been selected from over 8,700 applicants to represent their country.

[Learn more about One Young World](#)

AFRICAN YOUTH CHARTER UNDER THE PROTECTION OF ALUM LUIS BENGUI



NICOLAU MIGUEL RAISES ANGOLA'S FLAG IN MUNICH



Luis Bengui Gange YALY MWF Alumnus has been selected by the African Union to advocate and defend the African youth charter. Luis Bengui's mission is to actively advocate for the implementation of the African youth charter according to the Pan African mechanism as well as to help improve good governance practices in the member countries of the African Union. The selection of the African Union follows very strict criteria and only two young people were selected. Congratulations Luis Bengi!

MANUEL ADRIANO, A BRIGHT MIND

Congratulations to Manuel Adriano (YALI RLC, 3rd Edition) selected as one of the Brightest Young Minds (BYM) of Africa, an annual conference that showcases the potential of Africa's brightest young minds to accelerate their development for the benefit of the continent.

[Brightest Young Minds](#)



You Can't Miss!

Alumni events and trainings

YALI Awards recognizes leaders



On September 24 "Mais Valor" Academy hosted a training for local entrepreneurs in the following areas: Self-Awareness, Entrepreneurial Mindset, Business Model, Planning and Fundraising, Communication and Marketing and Mentoring. It will be 9 hours of non-stop training. Alfredo Capitamolo (YALI MWF alumuns) is the founder of Academia Mais Valor a training company, specialised in individual and business coaching.

[Mais Valor Acadamey](#)

You can't miss the first awards gala organized by the Yali Angola Committee "YALI AWARDS 2021" and the Official Launch of the 1st edition of Yali Magazine. The event celebrating the 1 year mandate of the Yali Coordination will honor and award the leaders who have most impacted Angola and Africa in the period from October 2020 to October 2021.

[Learn more here](#)

Training for local entrepreneurs



Learning to play guitar virtually



For those who can't leave home or don't have time to go to a physical school, Noelia Yequenha, alumna of the Pan Africa Program, has developed a virtual training course for those who want to learn music. "It seems impossible to learn to play online, but my first students are now guitarists". The training will take place from September 27 to October 22, via Zoom, from 19:00 to 20:30.

[Noelia Yequenha](#)

success story

NAIR BERNARDO DE OLIVEIRA FORTUNATO DE SOUSA

Yali Regional Center / Yali Mandela Washington Fellowship 2021



Nair de Sousa is a young Angolan woman who has passion and genuine enthusiasm for reinforcing girl's education. She devotes most of her time to building her skills in oilfields management for Carbon Capture Utilisation and Geoconservation, which are her great passions. In this way, she uses her knowledge to help other young women to succeed in career. Our alumna and success story, Nair contributes to the Sustainable Development of Angola by being the founder of the Angolan Society of Geosciences

and Technology, an organization that aims to capacity-building and involving more women in Energy Sector. She is a member of the European Association for the Conservation of Geological Heritage and recently published an outline that demonstrates her intention and approach to a proposed National Plan for regulatory frameworks in GeoConservation Strategies in Angola as part of her outreach to stakeholders and government officials entitled "Encouraging Conservation of the Angolan Geological Heritage".

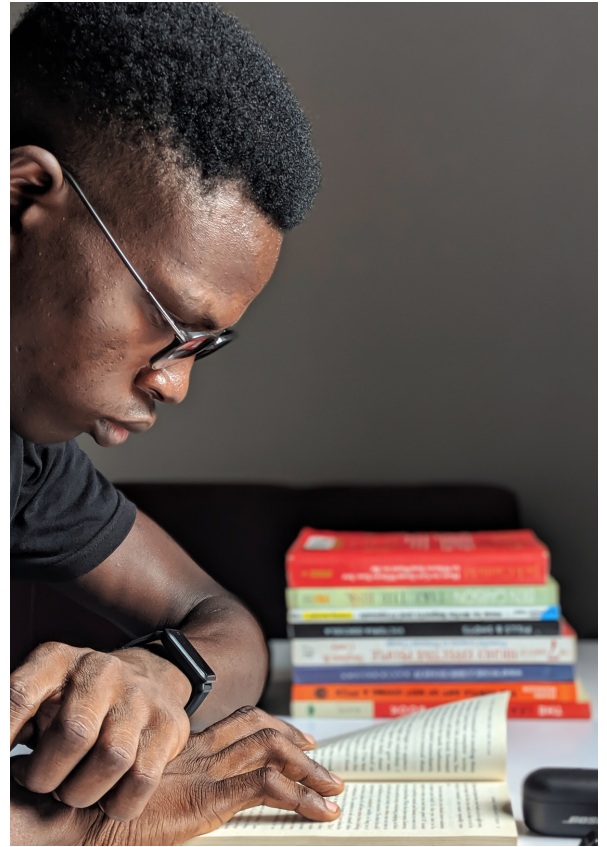
She is also a member of the Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition where she advocates for Policy Development of low-cost technologies that reduce the worst impacts of Climate Change. Nair is graduated in BSc. Petroleum Geology and decided to further her studies in Academic Writing in Geosciences (EUS), MSc. Reservoir Evaluation and Management in the United Kingdom. She now intends to take the Energy Risk Professional certification and a PhD in Conservation of Geological Heritage.

Our Success story is Yali Regional Alumni and and has recently completed the Mandela Washington Fellowship Program. The Yali experience has transformed her vision and the way she sees herself in society as she has become more concerned about her duties within her community.

Dates to Remember !

September 6: Read a Book

While National Read a Book Day is believed to have originated in the US, other details of the day's history are unclear. What is clear, though, is Americans' love for books! Therefore, it's the perfect excuse to read a book for as long as you can, guilt-free. Even if you are not too fond of books, we encourage you to get lost in a story. This is also a great day for raising awareness about the benefits associated with reading, it can lower stress, improve concentration and memory, strengthens your writing abilities, boosts your sleep, vocabulary and knowledge expansion, and many more. The National Read a Book Day encourages us to silence the noise and turn the pages for a while. Make sure to publish the book you are reading with the #ReadBookUSAEmbassyAngola.



September 11 - National Day of Service and Remembrance

On September 11th, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Almost 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which triggered major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism and defined the presidency of George W. Bush.

The September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance (9/11 Day), is a chance to help others in tribute to those killed and injured on September 11, 2001, first responders, and the countless others who serve to defend the nation's freedom at home and around the globe. The purpose of the September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance is to transform the anniversary of 9/11 from a day of tragedy into a day of doing good.

"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate." — Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl.

By Igor Gabriel, 2017 MWF (Alumni News Volunteer)

Dates to Remember !

October 11: Columbus Day

Christopher Columbus was an Italian-born explorer who set sail in August 1492, bound for Asia with backing from the Spanish monarchs King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella aboard the ships the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. Columbus intended to chart a western sea route to China, India and the fabled gold and spice islands of Asia. Instead, on October 12, 1492, he landed in the Bahamas, becoming the first European to explore the Americas since the Vikings established colonies in Greenland and Newfoundland during the 10th century. Columbus Day 2021 occurs on Monday, October 11, and the holiday is a way of both honoring Columbus' achievements and celebrating Italian-American heritage.



October 1 - International Music Day



Music influences our mood and elevates our most sublime feelings, music invades the silence to speak to us in a universal language that we can understand, with simplicity and beauty. October 1st was established as International Music Day in 1975 by the International Music Council, a non-governmental organization founded with the support of UNESCO in 1948.

October 31 - Halloween Day



October ends with Halloween, on the 31st. Halloween is very traditional in the United States, where people like to dress up as horror characters and children usually go around asking for candy.

I Am a Fulbright Student!

Congratulations to this year's Fulbright Students, Vuvu António, Zuleide de Carvalho and Elca Augusto which arrived in the United States in August. They were selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as their record of service and leadership potential in their respective fields.

Zuleide de Carvalho - A proud finalist



Zuleide at Missouri Campus University



Did you know that...?



16 Fulbright Alumni have received the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom



40 Fulbright Alumni have served as heads of state or government



89 Fulbright Alumni have been awarded Pulitzer Prizes



60 Fulbright Alumni have received a Nobel Prize

Share your storie and inspire others

We are passionate about our Exchange Alumni and the hard work and success you've put into your career and community projects. So we want to hear all about you and your achievements! Send us a paragraph about how US Exchange Programs has prepared you and how your life has changed since you've been back home. Attach a photo of yourself and we will feature you and your story on our Social Media Platforms.

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